

NEW DIRECTORS FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ELECTED AT FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING; MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THE PAST YEAR

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

New Directors.

R. N. Fredericks.
J. A. Hope
W. A. Drake.
H. D. Aiken
R. J. Roper
F. L. Haworth
C. T. Joslin
C. E. Yount
E. W. Wells
J. H. Blain
W. L. Clark
F. G. Brown
W. H. Timmerhoff
LeRoy Anderson
E. A. Kastner
E. S. Clark
F. C. Whisman
E. J. Mitchell
M. B. Hazeltine
J. M. W. Moore
T. G. Norris.
M. Goldwater, F. M. Murphy
and J. I. Gardner tied for the last place on the board and it was the sense of the meeting that lots should be drawn by these gentlemen for the office.

At the fourth annual meeting of the Yavapai County Chamber of Commerce held last night, attended by 25 or more members, the above named men were elected to constitute the board of directors to guide the destiny of this useful organization for the coming year. Each one on the list is not only a representative business or professional man of Prescott but a hard and enthusiastic worker for everything that goes toward the uplift and industrial welfare of Prescott and Yavapai county. There are three supervisors at the head of the organization who are also members ex-officio of the board of directors. This board of twenty-five men will meet within the next few days and elect a president and other officers necessary to make the organization complete.

An Earnest Meeting.

The meeting last night was enthusiastic and earnest. Every man present seemed to have the interests of the organization at heart, and there was a general feeling of optimism manifested which indicates that the coming year will surpass in fruitful results any year in the history of the chamber.

At the opening of the meeting President Joslin, who has labored diligently and effectively for one year at the head of the organization, read a brief resume of the work which had been accomplished, and Secretary Malcolm Fraser also read a report bordering on the same lines, amplifying many points upon which the president had been brief. Both reports indicated that a live-wire bunch of men had been in control of the Chamber of Commerce the past year, and that as a result of their untiring efforts more good had been accomplished for Prescott and Yavapai county than can be expressed in mere words.

Among the accomplishments mentioned in these reports the following were noted as of particular importance:

The purchase of forty-five acres of land for the Northern Arizona Fair Association and the securing of an option on forty additional acres to be purchased in the future. While the Chamber of Commerce did not take all the credit for the fair to itself, it is known that but for its organized efforts and persistent boosting in general and detail, the enterprise could not have been carried through to a successful conclusion.

It was shown that as a result of the work of the mining committee in aiding in the promulgation of enterprises and by the publishing and distribution of prospectuses and other literature, great good had been accomplished and many mining men brought into the district.

The placing of street signs on all the streets of Prescott was also the result of work by the organization.

Second in importance to no other one thing was the voting of bonds for the erection of a new court house, a movement originating with the Chamber of Commerce.

Frontier celebration is another enterprise which was originated by the organization, and it was stated that it was on its feet now as a permanent and growing fixture to the life of the city and county.

As a result of the efforts of the chamber it was stated the meeting of the state tax commission and county assessors of the state was brought to Prescott which was of great importance and benefit.

Ten new houses have been built in Pine Crest, and a number of lots disposed of during the year by the general of the body, thus placing on a substantial basis an extension to the city limits which promises to become a great factor in the progress of the city in the future.

The chamber also has to its credit the placing of Prescott on the list of three cities in the state where the federal court convenes.

It also backed and brought about the determination to build a women's addition to the Pioneers' Home

thus utilizing to great advantage the Parsons' bequest of \$40,000.

Another creditable thing noted was the bringing of the state Sunday school convention to Prescott.

And not least among the list of accomplishments was the forwarding of the scheme to build a dam and bring thousands of additional acres of land under cultivation, a work already in progress by the Hassayampa Alfalfa Farms Co.

Then there was the raising of the \$500 which secured the great desert classic race over the northern route and made this city one of the night controls, the Wichita agricultural exhibit which captured nearly all the prizes worth anything and gave this state advertising of inestimable value and the state fair winnings as the result of the same character of exhibits.

During the year the name of the organization was changed to the Yavapai County Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Fraser spoke of the advancement possible as a result of widening the field of the chamber and taking in a greater scope of activity. Mr. Fraser also touched on the future prospects of the chamber and mentioned the fact that under the circumstances which confronted the city and state with the commencement of the new year a greater effort would be necessary on the part of every member to make the work of the chamber what it should be during the coming twelve months. Both reports were optimistic and at the close of their reading met with hearty applause.

The mere reading of the list of accomplishments of this valuable organization does not give a comprehensive idea of what it has really meant to Prescott and Yavapai county. During the past year the organization has been in the very best of hands. Mr. Joslin, the president has spared no pains and given much time to the promotion of the chamber, and every single meeting when he was in town and able to be away from home he has been at the desk directing affairs and in the collection of money and forwarding of every material interest. He has given freely of his superior business talent, the influence of which has had a telling effect.

The active work accomplished by Mr. Fraser, the able secretary, has also counted for good every hour of every day during the year. He has never slept one moment on the job, and his energy and spirit have constantly reached out after new things and brought a dignity and standing to the organization which is only obtainable by the application of a tact and executive ability which comes through experience in such work. At the meeting last night many members spoke among themselves of the efficient services of the secretary.

Campaign On.

It will be the purpose of the organization to at once commence a campaign of activity which will add even new zest to the admirable spirit of enterprise which has been manifested in the past. It was shown by the report of the secretary last night with reference to finances, that the organization is in good shape. It was also shown that it should be not only kept that way but increased, as there are many things to be done which require money. A committee the past few days has been busy collecting dues, and soon there is to be a campaign made for the securing of new members.

President Joslin stated last night that he had talked with no less than a half dozen men in the past few days who had indicated they would double their donations in order to give the chamber a greater impetus. In everything said or done at the meeting there was the evidence of gratification at past accomplishments and of a determination to make the coming year overshadow anything in the history of the organization. And when three hundred men such as belong to the Yavapai Chamber of Commerce set their hands to the wheel it must turn their way.

BRING BONAFIDE SETTLERS TO LANDS

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

"Protect the range and offer to the homelander every inducement possible to build up the country and make it productive," said a well known cattleman who was in the city yesterday, with a grievance over conditions prevailing in land exactions, both state and federal.

This observing citizen stated that every homelander should be made to the homelander to locate, and he would suggest that the incoming legislature has a responsible duty to face in disposing of its university and school lands to such persons. He would discountenance, however, the selling of these lands in large lots of a section each, but would endorse the same laws as the federal government outlines, toward those who desire to locate and make homes.

So far as the forest reserve is to be regarded, the same authority says it is a well known and palpable fact that the migratory sheep interests are freely extended favors, as against those of bona fide intentions to locate and build. "The wide sheep drives scour the country, at will, while the one who desires to locate thereon, is watched like a hawk after its prey, and passes through a series of burdensome restrictions before he is able to get settled on his chosen land," were his concluding remarks.

WAS BORN AT WHIPPLE.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Fred McKee of Chicago, passed through the city yesterday for Phoenix, where he will spend the winter. At the depot he mentioned the interesting fact that he was born at Fort Whipple in January, of 1875, and the son of the late Major McKee who was in the medical corps of the long ago, when General Kautz was the commanding officer of that post. The visitor was taken east the following year, and this is his first trip to Arizona since the day of his birth. He will return on January 16, to celebrate his fortieth anniversary at the old garrison, although the quarters where his birth took place have vanished.

ANTONIO LOPEZ WAS THE RIGHT MAN

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Sheriff C. C. Keeler has a most interesting and thrilling story to tell with reference to the trailing of Antonio Lopez, the murderer who was killed near Casa Grande after a chase of over two hundred miles. He stayed with the case until he had seen the dead bandit in the box, ready for burial, and brought home with him the hat and shoes of Lopez. On the inside of the hat is the name of a Jerome man, indicating that it was purchased at that place.

After the shooting a postmortem was held on the body and it was then discovered that a deputy sheriff named W. W. Cates, of Pinal county, fired the fatal shot. This was made known because the gun Cates carried shot a special kind of bullet and a bullet from this weapon was found in the stomach of the dead man, having glanced from the hip bone upward when it hit him. Sheriff Keeler said that the battle was furious in which the bandit was landed, twenty-five or thirty shots having been fired. After Lopez had been shot he fell, but the officers in the posse thought he might be feigning death and were cautious about approaching the place where he laid. Finally, however, Deputy Cates went up to the prostrate form and found that the Mexican was still alive but in great pain. He took the gun of the dying man and asked him about his folks and some other questions. Lopez said to him, "you killed me," to which the officer replied, "you tried to kill me, didn't you?" Lopez replied, "yes, but I did not kill you." Afterward there was enough conversation to convince the officer that he was the man who killed the woman near Clarkdale.

On the person of the Mexican was found ninety-eight dollars in money. The horse he obtained when he shot the Maricopa county deputy sheriff rode only a short distance when he abandoned it and proceeded on foot. The horse has been recovered by the owner.

Sheriff Keeler returned home worn and weary from the loss of sleep and exposure he encountered in keeping up the chase. He said that he and his helpers were on the trail every night as long as they could see and resumed the search as soon as there was enough light to give them a chance to follow the trail. On the sole of one of the shoes worn by Lopez was a peculiar mark which enabled the Indian trail riders to follow him definitely. Sheriff Keeler said that one Apache Indian trailer who was on the job was a marvel. He would trail the shoe print through the grass where no other person could distinguish a mark, at all and travel faster on foot than the other men could go on horseback. It was this particular Indian who kept them on the right track, and Mr. Keeler said that it was only a matter of a few hours when they would have captured the Mexican had not the Casa Grande officers taken him.

This case is only one of the many successful ones in which Keeler has been engaged during his term as sheriff of Yavapai county, and while he leaves the sheriff's office he will have nothing to regret.

CACTUS READY TO BE- GIN LARGE OPERATIONS

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

"Before the first of the year, the Cactus Gold Mines Company, will inaugurate a system of deep development, this movement being the outcome of prospecting that has been going on for the past year, and which determined attractive conditions in the old zone of this famous gold producer of early days," said J. H. Tribby, who was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Tribby stated the first move will be to sink the old shaft from a point about 150 feet deep, to 500 feet. At every 100 feet, levels are to be run as well with crosscutting follow, the intention being to thoroughly explore the property. He also stated it is quite probable a large reduction plant will be installed, and this matter is now under consideration by the eastern directors. A small testing mill gave gratifying results.

COAST CAPITAL AC- QUIRES THE SILVER BELT

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The closing of negotiations by which the famous old Silver Belt mine is to become active again, was announced Monday, whereby Ben Rybon, acting for coast mining men, acquired possession of the property.

The agreement entered into calls for a certain line of development to be performed. Operations are to begin immediately. The old workings were examined by engineers at different periods in recent months and the deal follows by the attractive showing made.

The Silver Belt holdings are situated about one and one-half miles from Humboldt, and have a record of producing \$300,000 in silver and lead up to the time of suspension many years ago. The ores were freighted to Maricopa on the Southern Pacific until the advent of the Santa Fe to Ash Fork in 1880, when shipments were made by freight teams from the camp. At one time in early days \$60,000 in gold was offered and refused for the mine. The ores shipped carried a value in silver of over \$200 to the ton, while the lead averaged over 17 per cent. W. C. Bashford, of Los Angeles, and R. H. Burmister of this city, are the owners.

OCCUPATION TAX SLATED FOR "SKIDDOO"

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

At the meeting of the city council Monday night Councilman H. W. Heap notified his colleagues that the first of the year he was going to make a strenuous kick against the continuation of what is known as the occupation tax. He declared that it was gross injustice for the business men of Prescott to be taxed for the privilege of doing business in this city aside from the regular taxes assessed against them on the regular rolls.

"If any one can tell me why a business man should be compelled to pay this special tax I should like to have him do so. Every business man is regularly taxed on his stock of goods and other personal property. He is expected to contribute by subscription to everything that comes along. The business men of Prescott support every enterprise that is carried on in the city, from a scrub horse race to the fair, they are called upon to subscribe for everything that Tom, Dick and Harry can think of, from the support of a football team to the carrying out of the frontier celebration. In addition to this they are compelled to subscribe to every charitable movement and donate money to every institution which exists here and is not self-supporting. And on top of all this, this occupation tax is levied against them, and the Lord only knows what this is for. I believe that the money necessary to run the city government should be raised by regular taxation; that every man who owns property in Prescott should help pay it. It would be a small matter to raise the money derived from this tax by spreading it on the tax rolls against the five or six million dollars worth of taxable property in the city, and it would relieve the business men of one of the most grossly unjust burdens that could be thought of. There are men owning thousands of dollars worth of property in the business sections of Prescott and renting it to the business men who have stocks of goods and shops in the same. Yet they are not included in this special taxation and the struggling business man or mechanic has to foot the entire bill alone. I am tired of it. I can't see any justice in a sense in it, and I serve notice on you all right here and now that I am going, at the proper time, to put up a hard fight against it. The business men of Phoenix have long since secured release from a similar burden and it is time we did the same thing here."

After Mr. Heap had finished his talk there was some discussion and the general opinion of the councilmen was that he was striking at the root of a gross injustice. If the apparent disposition of the council to waive the subject it is probable that the occupation tax system in Prescott will soon be a thing of the past.

EXECUTIONER IS FOUND FOR HANGING

(From Thursday's Daily.)

According to reports reaching Prescott, some mysterious person has been secured to spring the trap when the six murderers in the Florence prison are hung on December 19th. It is said that he will arrive in Florence clandestinely and depart in the dead of the night after the wholesale hanging. It is further stated that Warden Sims will not be within the walls of the prison when the hanging takes place.

According to the report, Warden Sims told the governor, "I will not be here when the hanging takes place. I was hired to keep men from escaping not to kill them. Besides it would be physically impossible for me even to witness six hanging in one day."

"The law says you must be present at each execution," the governor replied. "There is no way you can avoid it."

"I can resign, can I not," retorted Sims.

Sims has been quoted as denying that he has ever suggested resigning, but the conversation above is said to have occurred within the past two or three days.

If he does resign Riley Bryan, captain of the guard will be in charge of the prison. The next in line of succession is Walter Winsor, half-brother to State Land Commissioner Malford Winsor. Either of these, like Sims, would resign before conducting a wholesale execution in one day. "I do not believe it will be necessary for Warden Sims to resign," Governor Hunt is quoted as saying. "The law says that he shall witness each execution, but it does not provide any penalty if he fails to do so."

It is stated by the person responsible for this article, that the governor has said that Sims has already found an executioner but that the name of the person will not be given to the public until December 19th, the fatal day. The governor is also quoted as saying that newspaper men would be barred from the execution.

RAILROAD WRECK CAUSES BIG DAMAGE

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Last night's incoming train from Mayer met with a bad accident at a point about one and one-half miles north of Huron, when a broken flange of a freight car caused a large amount of damage, as well did the passengers miraculously escape serious, if not fatal injuries.

The train consisted of seven freight cars and two coaches, five of the cars loaded with ore being derailed. The trouble occurred at one of the worst places on the road, where the highest bridge spans a deep gulch. The engine cleared the bridge. All the heavy timbers were broken, and the freight cars were derailed.

Had the accident taken place fifty feet distant, it is said the entire train would have been plunged into the canyon, and loss of life would have followed. Passengers and mail were brought to the city later in a box car. The ore was from the Blue Bell mine for the Humboldt smelter.

HUNT GETTING SQUEAMISH IN HIS OLD AGE, SAYS PIONEER OF THE WEST

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Some of Arizona's old-timers who have drifted to other sections of the country do not take much stock in the pronounced views of Governor Hunt on the question of capital punishment. When the people decreed that the murderers at Florence should hang, word was sent forth all over the United States, together with the views of the chief executive on the subject. One of these dispatches fell under the eye of a former resident of the state, who chanced to be in Elk Grove, Sacramento county, California. The result was the article given below, appearing in the Elk Grove Citizen of December 2, which in consonance with the facts shows that there has been a radical change in the sentiments of G. W. P. Hunt in recent years. The article follows:

A dispatch from Phoenix, Arizona, of Dec. 1, to the Stockton Mail, says: "Some of the Arizona 'hangings' are being carried out at the Florence penitentiary Dec. 19, according to the plans of Governor Hunt and Warden Sims. The executioner who could stand the strain of dropping the trap under 11 persons does not exist, the warden told the governor."

"When the people of Arizona voted at the November election against abolishing capital punishment, Gov. Hunt, who is strongly opposed to the movement of troops and the carrying out of campaigns in the field, condemned prisoners to take place as the courts had scheduled."

"The matter of constructing a hanging platform in one of the prison buildings or the prison yard for the simultaneous executions will be considered at a meeting of the state board of control in a few days."

An old timer of the west sojourning for the past few weeks in Elk Grove, who has toured the country from Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico, and who knows the early history of Arizona like a book, remarked to The Citizen editor, after reading the above:

"Those fellows down in the Copper State, particularly the governor, are getting mighty squeamish about hanging murderers. I remember one night in the early '80s, in Globe the town from which the governor was elected, that he took an interested part in the lynching of two murderers."

"The two men—Hawley and Grimes—had robbed a pack train a dozen miles from Globe, after killing the driver and messenger. About \$12,000 in gold was secured. Making their way back to town, Hawley and Grimes met Dr. Vail, who knew them, and on the principle that dead men tell no tales, they murdered Vail."

"Let me add here that three men were engaged in the murder and robbery, but as one of them, Cicero Grimes was half-witted, and led into the crime by the other two, he was turned over to the sheriff, afterwards tried and received a life sentence. He was a brother of the Grimes that was hung."

"The next day the men were apprehended, link of evidence, gathered here and there, forming a chain that established their guilt beyond possibility of doubt. The men were given a fair trial by the court of Judge Lynch and condemned to death. Hawley and Grimes then confessed, and the former agreed to escort a posse to the place where they had buried the gold, the entire amount of \$12,000 being found intact."

"About 2 o'clock in the morning the posse with Hawley returned to Stallo hall, where the trial had been held, and where the citizens of Globe were impatiently awaiting their arrival. The night, or rather morning, was a beautiful one. A round, full moon shining in a cloudless sky illuminated the proceedings, as the citizens of the town, two by two, marched down the street of Globe. Among others in line—and there were men from every walk of life—was George Hunt, then a waiter in the Pascoe restaurant, now governor of Arizona."

"Down the street the men moved to the solemn sounds of a church bell which some one thoughtfully remembered to toll."

"The scene was an impressive one. The place of execution was a cottonwood tree on the bank of Pinal creek, a few hundred yards from the hall where the trial was held. Rev. D. W. Calfee, a pioneer Methodist minister of Arizona, and well known throughout California offered spiritual consolation. The reverend gentleman, addressing Hawley, reminded that worthy that he was about to enter the presence of his Maker, that the future looked rather dark, and offered to pray with and for him. 'Parson' replied Hawley, 'it ain't the future that's troubling me; it's the present. I could just get away from this mob now. I'd be willing to take chances on the future. A few seconds afterward the bodies of the men were dangling between heaven and earth.'

"And say, that talk of Warden Sims, that 'the executioner who could stand the strain of dropping the trap under 11 persons does not exist' is all bunk. They can hang a dozen or more as easily as one if the scaffold is large enough, or they can dispose of them one at a time. At the Florence pen the trap is sprung by electricity. There are seven buttons and seven convicts are selected, each to touch a button. One of these springs the trap; none of the seven know which one has done the work."

"But I want to say in conclusion, remarked the old timer, meditatively, that the Globe necktie party, in which George Hunt—now Governor Hunt—and myself took an humble part, was one of the most recherche affairs of its kind in the entire history of the west, and that same I am bound to maintain."

Try the Journal-Miner for artistic job work.

KAISER'S HAIR TURNED WHITE BY THE WAR

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Paar, who have charge of the Hotel Hotel, the latter the daughter of A. J. Head, received a letter the other day from Mr. Paar's mother in Cologne, Germany, which contained many interesting unpublished statements concerning the European war. The writer stated that since the war broke out the hair of Kaiser William has turned nearly as white as snow, and that he has otherwise changed considerably as the result of extreme exertion and evident worry.

Mr. and Mrs. Paar left Glasgow, Scotland, their home, last August just after the war broke out. They are familiar with the situation as perhaps none others in this part of the country, having been in London, England, and many other places on the continent, and knowing first-hand of the conditions and circumstances which led up to the struggle which was in full swing when they sailed for America.

Mrs. Paar said yesterday that they received Glasgow and London newspapers regularly for the purpose of keeping posted as to the progress of the contest, although American newspapers contained even more war news than papers published in Europe, supposedly because the censorship with reference to European newspapers is more stringent than it is with American papers, by reason of the danger that reports published at home might result in more harm to the movement of troops and the carrying out of campaigns in the field.

The latest news which has been published in English papers and not disseminated very extensively in this country, is that the Irish people are refusing to rally to the British standard as was expected when the war broke out, being even in a state of uprising. The Ulster trouble seems to keep smoldering, and the idea of Lloyd George and Premier Asquith that the war would settle that trouble, at least until the dove of peace was able to alight on European soil again, and at the same time cement the Irish and English people in one common bond of patriotic fervor against Germany, has not worked out that way, according to papers which Mrs. Paar has received from the old world.

Another thing which Mrs. Paar says the American press is mistaken about is the statement published broadcast in this country no longer ago than last Sunday to the effect that a treaty existed between Germany and Belgium in which the former stood bound to respect and help maintain the neutrality of Belgium in the event of war. She said that this treaty had expired one year prior to the declaration of war by Germany against Russia, and that the Kaiser was in no manner bound by it at the time he commenced the Belgium campaign.

It is understood that Mr. Paar is interested in a company which is engaged in the manufacture of explosives in Scotland and England, dynamite being the principal product.

NEW CIVIL SUIT IS FILED IN COURT

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A suit and attachment proceedings were filed in the superior court yesterday by George D. Morris against H. C. Miller for the collection of \$297 alleged to have been assigned to the plaintiff in three accounts, by the Yavapai Commercial Club. Arthur Hendey, proprietor of the Overland garage and Frank Lecklider, respectively. The garage account is alleged to be for auto hire, amounting to a total of \$372, upon which \$75 has been paid. The club bill amounts to \$249.50, and it is alleged to be for rooms, meals, laundry, merchandise and money advanced. The Lecklider account is for only eight dollars. The plaintiff filed an indemnity bond in the sum of \$600, issued by the Mutual Fidelity Company, as security with the attachment payment.

Would Be Citizens.

Three more applications for first citizenship papers were filed in the clerk's office yesterday, one of which was by a woman, Nellie Gertrude Warner, of Ash Fork, who certifies that she is a native of Morrisburg, Canada. The other two were Borna Calza and John O'Brien, the former of Jerome and the latter from Prescott, one an Italian and the other an Irishman.

Cup in Court House.

The beautiful \$350-silver cup awarded Yavapai county as first prize on dry farm and horticultural products at the Arizona state fair, which has been on exhibition in the O. A. Hesla display window ever since it was brought to Prescott, was taken to the office of the board of supervisors yesterday where it adorns a shelf and is being admired by callers.

AT THE KEYSTONE.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

After completing the erection of a number of buildings on the Keystone group of mines, located on the Hassayampa river, John P. Kelly came into town yesterday to secure supplies in order to continue the development of the property. He expects in the near future some men from Salt Lake City who are to examine the mine with the view of purchasing it. Mr. Kelly reports that there is a force of men at work on the Mark Twain which adjoins the Keystone.

BIG FIRE.

WEST ORANGE, Dec. 9.—Fire destroyed virtually the entire main plant of the Edison Company tonight causing damage estimated at nearly \$7,000,000 with insurance to reduce the loss approximately to \$5,000,000. The entire block of modern reinforced concrete buildings, supposedly fireproof, was burned out and the only building saved in the block was the laboratory, containing valuable scientific machinery. It is estimated 3,000 men and women are temporarily thrown out of work.

STEPHENS' WORK AS INSPECTOR PRAISED

(From Friday's Daily.)

Ed W. Stephens, who has been appointed as deputy county assessor by Assessor-elect C. E. Gentry, and who went to Phoenix Wednesday night to close up his affairs with the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, for which he has been serving in this county as stock inspector, was highly complimented on his work by its secretary, who also expressed regret that Mr. Stephens was unable to continue his services.

In the letter acknowledging the receipt of the resignation of Mr. Stephens, the secretary says that a man has not yet been selected to fill the position and expresses a desire for Mr. Stephens to hold on a few days longer than January 1st, which is the date the resignation is to take effect. With reference to the value of the services rendered by Mr. Stephens, Secretary Sam B. Bradner says:

"I am sorry to lose you from the force, as your services have been satisfactory and your reports rendered to this office have always been comprehensive and correct, thereby doing away with considerable trouble that we usually have in that line. Whoever is selected for the job, I wish you would instruct him in making his reports as it is a hard job to do by letters."

None but those who are familiar with the duties of stock inspector can comprehend the intricacies and responsibilities of the position. It is by no means an easy job, and the person holding it must not only be thoroughly posted, but must be able to use a great deal of tact and discretion in order to give satisfaction to the live stock board and at the same time award exact justice to the stock interests of his district. It is indicated in the letter to Mr. Stephens that a man to take his place will be appointed on the recommendation of Joe Young, sheriff-elect of Yavapai county.

ARIZONANS ARE BOT- TLED UP ABROAD

(From Friday's Daily.)

Nicholas Blazina, and Austrian and Jos. Beechett, a naturalized Italian, are grieving over their misfortune in going abroad to visit with relatives.

Both left Humboldt some time ago and it will probably be some time before they will be able to return to a country that is not burdened with war. Blazina got his feet on Austrian soil just in time to be enrolled in the army of his country. He didn't go home to fight, and accordingly at the first opportunity he deserted the service, reaching France where he is marooned. His brother, H. Blazina, of Humboldt, is exerting every effort at this end to secure his release, but the bottling up process seems to have the cork tightly wedged, and Nick remains abroad.

Beechett's case is different. He is held in Italy, although he is an American citizen, and has papers so to show on his person. He is not permitted to even write a letter. His friends in the United States are ready to take action in his behalf through the state department at Washington. The many Austrians in this section are appreciative of living in the United States, and refuse to go home to fight for the homeland, although they are badly wanted. Instead they are rushing to the courts to secure their first naturalization papers, and this sentiment accounts for the many who are making applications to get under the folds of Old Glory at the earliest date possible.

PLAN OPERATING ON A LARGE SCALE

(From Thursday's Daily.)

"The incorporation of the Gold Copper Consolidated, is the initial movement toward taking over the Henrietta and other mines in Big Bug district," said Lon D. Hall, yesterday, of the board of directors of this new mining syndicate. Negotiations are progressing for the closing of certain deals within the coming month, he said, in which some of the big producers of years ago will be affected.

Mr. Hall also stated that the Henrietta will be energetically developed immediately, however, and for the present will be the base for the above association. A contract has been awarded to Pete Eckberg and Con Johnson for driving a crosscut to intersect the Henrietta vein at a point about 160 feet distant. Machine drills are being used and two shafts are at work. At another point a vertical shaft will be driven to a depth of 300 feet that will afford air, and connect the upper and lower tunnels, when exploration will begin on the mother lode of the group, and to better advantage than has ever prevailed in solving ore bodies known to exist. Mr. Hall also stated that the mill is to be started up in a short time, a large tonnage being ready for treatment.

EAST INDIANS ARE SOME MARKSMEN

LONDON, Dec. 10. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—High tribute is paid the marksmanship and courage of the East Indian troops by an English soldier in a letter printed in the Daily News and Leader.

"On one occasion," the letter said, "I saw tethered to the ground a goat about to be killed for the Indians' meal. A Gurkha, standing about twelve yards away threw his knife at the goat with such deadly aim that its head was cut clean off. They can throw these weapons at a distance of 50 yards, and have no difficulty in hitting their mark. They are terrible fighters. With the belief to die in war means eternal Paradise they have no hesitation in plunging right into the thick of the battle. The only difficulty is to keep them from rushing at the enemy before the order is given. They cannot wait, but they must leave the trenches, and wriggle their way up to where the enemy is, and then deal their deadly blow."